

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That the resolution adopted in the Committee January 22, 2009, establishing the task force to conduct an inquiry regarding the impeachment of Judge Porteous, is amended as follows:

(1) Section 1 is amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF TASK FORCE"

"There is hereby established in the House Committee on the Judiciary (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee") a task force (hereby referred to as the "Task Force") to conduct—

"(1) an inquiry into whether United States District Judge G. Thomas Porteous should be impeached; and

"(2) an inquiry into whether United States District Judge Samuel B. Kent should be impeached."

(1) Section 5(a) is amended to read as follows:

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this resolution, the Rules of the House of Representatives applicable to the Committee on the Judiciary, the rules of the Committee, and the authorities provided in House Resolution 15 and House Resolution _____, shall govern the inquiries conducted by the Task Force."

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FLAKE. Madam Speaker, I rise to a question of the privileges of the House and offer the resolution previously noticed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 425

Whereas, The Hill reported that a prominent lobbying firm, founded by Mr. Paul Magliocchetti and the subject of a "federal investigation into potentially corrupt political contributions," has given \$3.4 million in political donations to no less than 284 members of Congress.

Whereas, the New York Times noted that Mr. Magliocchetti "set up shop at the busy intersection between political fund-raising and taxpayer spending, directing tens of millions of dollars in contributions to lawmakers while steering hundreds of millions of dollars in earmarks back to his clients."

Whereas, a guest columnist recently highlighted in Roll Call that "... what the firm's example reveals most clearly is the potentially corrupting link between campaign contributions and earmarks. Even the most ardent earmarkers should want to avoid the appearance of such a pay-to-play system."

Whereas, multiple press reports have noted questions related to campaign contributions made by or on behalf of the firm; including questions related to "straw man" contributions, the reimbursement of employees for political giving, pressure on clients to give, a suspicious pattern of giving, and the timing of donations relative to legislative activity.

Whereas, Roll Call has taken note of the timing of contributions from employees, the firm and its clients when it reported that they "have provided thousands of dollars worth of campaign contributions to key Members in close proximity to legislative activity, such as the deadline for earmark request letters and passage of a spending bill."

Whereas, the Associated Press highlighted the "huge amounts of political donations" from the firm and its clients to select mem-

bers and noted that "those political donations have followed a distinct pattern: The giving is especially heavy in March, which is prime time for submitting written earmark requests."

Whereas, clients of the firm received at least three hundred million dollars worth of earmarks in fiscal year 2009 appropriations legislation, including several that were approved even after news of the FBI raid of the firm's offices and Justice Department investigation into the firm was well known.

Whereas, the Associated Press reported that "the FBI says the investigation is continuing, highlighting the close ties between special-interest spending provisions known as earmarks and the raising of campaign cash."

Whereas, the persistent media attention focused on questions about the nature and timing of campaign contributions related to the firm, as well as reports of the Justice Department conducting research on earmarks and campaign contributions, raise concern about the integrity of congressional proceedings and the dignity of this institution. Now, therefore, be it:

Resolved, that

(a) the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, or a subcommittee of the committee designated by the committee and its members appointed by the chairman and ranking member, shall immediately begin investigation into the relationship between the source and timing of past campaign contributions to Members of the House related to the raided firm and earmark requests made by Members of the House on behalf of clients of the raided firm.

(b) The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct shall submit a report of its findings to the House of Representatives within 2 months after the date of adoption of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution qualifies.

MOTION TO TABLE

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I move to lay the resolution on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to table.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it.

Mr. FLAKE. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the grounds that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on tabling the resolution will be followed by 5-minute votes on motions to suspend the rules and agree to House Resolution 413 and House Resolution 378.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 215, nays 182, answered "present" 15, not voting 21, as follows:

[Roll No. 243]

YEAS—215

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Adler (NJ)
Altmire
Andrews
Arcuri
Baca

Baldwin
Barrow
Bean
Becerra
Berkley
Berman
Berry

Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NY)
Blumenauer
Boren
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd

Brady (PA)
Braley (IA)
Brown, Corrine
Capps
Capuano
Cardoza
Carnahan
Carney
Carson (IN)
Clarke
Clay
Cleaver
Clyburn
Coble
Cohen
Connolly (VA)
Conyers
Cooper
Costa
Costello
Courtney
Crowley
Cuellar
Dahlkemper
Davis (AL)
Davis (CA)
Davis (IL)
Davis (TN)
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
Dicks
Dingell
Doggett
Doyle
Driehaus
Edwards (MD)
Edwards (TX)
Ellison
Engel
Eshoo
Etheridge
Farr
Fattah
Filner
Frank (MA)
Fudge
Gonzalez
Gordon (TN)
Grayson
Green, Al
Green, Gene
Griffith
Grijalva
Gutierrez
Hall (NY)
Hare
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Heinrich
Higgins
Hinojosa
Hirono
Holden
Holt

Honda
Hoyer
Inslee
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Johnson, E. B.
Jones
Kagen
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy
Kildee
Kilroy
Kissell
Klein (FL)
Kratovil
Kucinich
Langevin
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Lee (CA)
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lipinski
Lowey
Lujan
Lynch
Maffei
Maloney
Markey (CO)
Markey (MA)
Marshall
Massa
Matsui
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McDermott
McGovern
McMahon
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Melancon
Michaud
Miller (NC)
Miller, George
Moore (KS)
Moore (WI)
Murphy (CT)
Murphy, Patrick
Murphy, Tim
Murtha
Nadler (NY)
Napolitano
Neal (MA)
Nye
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Pallone
Pascarella
Pastor (AZ)
Payne
Perlmutter
Peters

Peterson
Pingree (ME)
Polis (CO)
Pomeroy
Price (NC)
Rahall
Rangel
Reyes
Richardson
Rodriguez
Ross
Rothman (NJ)
Roybal-Allard
Ruppersberger
Rush
Ryan (OH)
Salazar
Sanchez, Linda
T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Sarbanes
Schakowsky
Schauer
Schiff
Schrader
Schwartz
Scott (GA)
Scott (VA)
Serrano
Sestak
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Shuler
Skelton
Slaughter
Snyder
Space
Speier
Spratt
Stupak
Sutton
Tauscher
Taylor
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Tierney
Titus
Tonko
Towns
Tsongas
Van Hollen
Velázquez
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Wexler
Wilson (OH)
Woolsey
Wu
Yarmuth
Young (AK)

NAYS—182

Aderholt
Akin
Alexander
Austria
Bachmann
Bachus
Bartlett
Barton (TX)
Biggert
Blibray
Bilirakis
Bishop (UT)
Blackburn
Blunt
Bocciari
Boehner
Bono Mack
Boozman
Boustany
Brady (TX)
Bright
Broun (GA)
Brown (SC)
Brown-Waite,
Ginny
Buchanan
Burgess
Burton (IN)
Buyer
Calvert
Camp

Cantor
Capito
Carter
Cassidy
Castle
Chaffetz
Childers
Coffman (CO)
Cole
Crenshaw
Davis (KY)
Deal (GA)
Diaz-Balart, M.
Donnelly (IN)
Dreier
Duncan
Ehlers
Ellsworth
Emerson
Fallin
Flake
Fleming
Forbes
Fortenberry
Foster
Fox
Franks (AZ)
Frelinghuysen
Gallegly
Garrett (NJ)
Gerlach

Giffords
Gingrey (GA)
Gohmert
Goodlatte
Granger
Graves
Guthrie
Hall (TX)
Halvorson
Harper
Heller
Hensarling
Herger
Herseth Sandlin
Hill
Himes
Hodes
Hunter
Inglis
Issa
Jenkins
Johnson (GA)
Johnson, Sam
Kind
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kirk
Kirkpatrick (AZ)
Kosmas
Lamborn

Lance
LaTourette
Latta
Lee (NY)
Lewis (CA)
Linder
LoBiondo
Loeb sack
Lucas
Luetkemeyer
Lummis
Lungren, Daniel
E.
Mack
Manzullo
Marchant
Matheson
McCarthy (CA)
McCaul
McClintock
McCotter
McHenry
McHugh
McIntyre
McKeon
McMorris
Rodgers
McNerney
Mica
Miller (FL)
Miller (MI)

Miller, Gary
Minnick
Mitchell
Moran (KS)
Murphy (NY)
Neugebauer
Nunes
Olson
Paul
Paulsen
Pence
Perriello
Petri
Pitts
Platts
Posey
Price (GA)
Putnam
Quigley
Radanovich
Rehberg
Reichert
Roe (TN)
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (MI)
Rooney
Ros-Lehtinen
Roskam
Royce
Ryan (WI)
Scalise

Schmidt
Schock
Sensenbrenner
Sessions
Shadegg
Shimkus
Simpson
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Souder
Sullivan
Teague
Terry
Thompson (PA)
Thornberry
Tiahrt
Tiberi
Turner
Upton
Visclosky
Walz
Wamp
Westmoreland
Whitfield
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Wolf
Young (FL)

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—15

Barrett (SC) Dent Lofgren, Zoe
Butterfield Diaz-Balart, L.
Castor (FL) Hastings (WA) Poe (TX)
Chandler Kline (MN) Walden
Conaway Latham Welch

NOT VOTING—21

Baird Hoekstra Rogers (KY)
Bonner Israel Rohrabacher
Campbell Johnson (IL) Shuster
Cao Jordan (OH) Sires
Culberson Kilpatrick (MI) Stark
Cummings Mollohan Stearns
Hinchey Moran (VA) Tanner

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Messrs. UPTON, KIND, GARY G. MILLER of California, CALVERT, GARRETT of New Jersey, MCINTYRE, BRIGHT and BUYER changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska and Ms. MCCOLLUM changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

Messrs. CHANDLER and BUTTERFIELD changed their vote from "yea" to "present."

Mr. WALDEN changed his vote from "nay" to "present."

So the motion to table was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 243 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 413, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. GORDON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 413.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 409, nays 0, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 244]

YEAS—409

Abercrombie Davis (AL) Johnson (GA)
Ackerman Davis (CA) Johnson, E. B.
Aderholt Davis (IL) Johnson, Sam
Adler (NJ) Davis (KY) Jones
Akin Davis (TN) Kagen
Alexander Deal (GA) Kanjorski
Altmire DeFazio Kaptur
Andrews DeGette Kennedy
Arcuri Delahunt Kildee
Austria DeLauro Kilroy
Baca Dent Kind
Bachmann Diaz-Balart, L. King (IA)
Bachus Diaz-Balart, M. King (NY)
Baldwin Dicks Kingston
Dingell Kirkpatrick (AZ)
Doggett Kissell
Donnelly (IN) Klein (FL)
Doyle Kline (MN)
Dreier Kosmas
Driehaus Kratovil
Duncan Kucinich
Edwards (MD) Lamborn
Edwards (TX) Lance
Ehlers Langevin
Ellison Larsen (WA)
Ellsworth Larson (CT)
Emerson Latham
Engel LaTourette
Eshoo Latta
Etheridge Lee (CA)
Fallin Lee (NY)
Farr Levin
Fattah Lewis (CA)
Folmer Lewis (GA)
Bono Mack Flake
Boozman Fleming
Boren Forbes
Boswell Fortenberry
Boucher Foster
Boustany Foy
Boyd Frank (MA)
Brady (PA) Franks (AZ)
Brady (TX) Frelinghuysen
Braley (IA) Fudge
Bright Gallegly
Broun (GA) Garrett (NJ)
Brown (SC) Gerlach
Brown, Corrine Giffords
Brown-Waite, Ginny Gingrey (GA)
Buchanan Gohmert
Burgess Gonzalez
Burton (IN) Goodlatte
Butterfield Gordon (TN)
Buyer Granger
Calvert Graves
Camp Grayson
Cantor Green, Al
Capito Green, Gene
Capps Griffith
Capuano Guthrie
Cardoza Hall (NY)
Carnahan Hall (TX)
Carney Halvorson
Carson (IN) Hare
Carter Harman
Cassidy Harper
Castle Hastings (FL)
Castor (FL) Hastings (WA)
Chaffetz Heinrich
Chandler Heller
Childers Hensarling
Clarke Herger
Clay Herseth Sandlin
Cleaver Higgins
Clyburn Hill
Coble Himes
Coffman (CO) Hinojosa
Cohen Hirono
Cole Hodes
Conaway Holden
Connolly (VA) Holt
Conyers Honda
Cooper Hoyer
Costa Hunter
Costello Inglis
Courtney Inslee
Crenshaw Issa
Crowley Jackson (IL)
Cuellar Jackson-Lee
Dahlkemper (TX) Jenkins

Murphy, Tim
Myrick
Nadler (NY)
Napolitano
Neal (MA)
Neugebauer
Nunes
Nye
Oberstar
Obey
Olson
Olver
Ortiz
Pallone
Pascarella
Pastor (AZ)
Paul
Paulsen
Payne
Pence
Perlmutter
Perriello
Peters
Peterson
Petri
Pingree (ME)
Pitts
Platts
Poe (TX)
Polis (CO)
Pomeroy
Posey
Price (GA)
Price (NC)
Putnam
Quigley
Radanovich
Rahall
Rangel
Rehberg
Reichert
Reyes
Richardson
Rodriguez
Roe (TN)
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (MI)
Rooney

Ros-Lehtinen
Roskam
Ross
Rothman (NJ)
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Ruppersberger
Rush
Ryan (OH)
Ryan (WI)
Salazar
Sánchez, Linda
T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Sarbanes
Scalise
Schakowsky
Schauer
Schiff
Schmidt
Schock
Schrader
Schwartz
Scott (GA)
Scott (VA)
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sessions
Sestak
Shadegg
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Shimkus
Shuler
Shuster
Simpson
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Souder
Space
Speier
Spratt
Stearns

Stupak
Sullivan
Sutton
Tauscher
Taylor
Teague
Terry
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Thompson (PA)
Thornberry
Tiahrt
Tiberi
Tierney
Titus
Tonko
Towns
Tsongas
Turner
Upton
Van Hollen
Velázquez
Visclosky
Walden
Walz
Wamp
Wasserman
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Welch
Westmoreland
Wexler
Whitfield
Wilson (OH)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Wolf
Woolsey
Wu
Yarmuth
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—24

Baird Hinchey Moore (KS)
Bonner Hoekstra Moran (VA)
Campbell Israel Murtha
Cao Johnson (IL) Rogers (KY)
Culberson Jordan (OH) Rohrabacher
Cummings Kilpatrick (MI) Sires
Grijalva Kirk Stark
Gutierrez Mollohan Tanner

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

IN HONOR OF REV. ROBERT CORNELL, FORMER MEMBER OF CONGRESS

(Mr. KAGEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KAGEN. Madam Speaker, I would respectfully ask that all House Members rise and observe a moment of silence on the passing of our former colleague, Congressman Rev. Robert Cornell, who passed away on Sunday, May 10. Father Cornell represented the Eighth District of Wisconsin in this House from 1975 to 1979. He was a lifelong advocate for the betterment of mankind, a deep-thinking educator, and a keeper of his faith.